



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Hazelton, et al. )  
Serial No: 09/714,747 Art Unit 2851 )  
Filed: November 16, 2000 )  
For: Stage Assembly Including a Reaction )  
Mass Assembly )  
Examiner: Esplin, David )  
Attorney Docket: PA0287-US / 11269.15 )

**REQUEST TO FORWARD EXECUTED 1449 FORMS  
AND INTERVIEW SUMMARY**

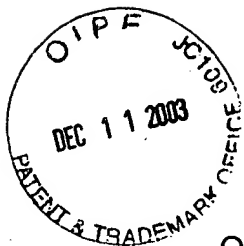
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The Applicants request that the Examiner initial and sign (i) the Form 1449 filed by the undersigned on July 25, 2003 and (ii) the Form 1449 filed by the undersigned on February 14, 2003. Additionally, the Applicants request that the Examiner forward a copy of these signed documents to the undersigned. Moreover, the Applicants request that the Examiner provide a Supplemental Notice of Allowance in this case.

A courtesy copy of the Form 1449 filed on February 14, 2003 and courtesy copies of JP11-362,591 and JP7-142,331 (and translation) listed in the Form 1449 filed on February 14, 2003 are included herewith for the convenience of the Examiner.

It should be noted that the Applicants paid the issue fee concurrently with this request. Accordingly, the prompt attention of the Examiner to this matter would be greatly appreciated.



### Interview Summary

On December 8, 2003, the undersigned attorney for the applicants conducted a telephonic interview with the Examiner David B Esplin. During the interview, the Examiner stated that (i) the Form 1449 filed on July 25, 2003 and (ii) the Form 1449 filed on February 14, 2003 were in the USPTO file and were reviewed by him. Further, he stated that all of the references listed on the two Forms were previously reviewed by him and were in the file, except for JP11-362,591 and JP7-142,331 (and translation). Accordingly, the Examiner requested that the undersigned provide a courtesy copy of JP11-362,591 and JP7-142,331 (and translation). Upon receipt, the Examiner provided that he would initial and sign (i) the Form 1449 filed on July 25, 2003 and (ii) the Form 1449 filed on February 14, 2003. Additionally, the Examiner stated that he would generate a supplemental Notice of Allowance, if appropriate.

### CONCLUSION

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at 858-456-1951 for any reason that would advance the instant application to issue.

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

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Serial Number: 09/714,747

Title: STAGE ASSEMBLY INCLUDING A REACTION MASS ASSEMBLY

Attorney Docket Number: PAO287-US/11269.15

**ISSUE FEE TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Mail Stop Issue Fee  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed are the following:

1.   X   Issue Fee Transmittal (PTOL-85B).
2.   X   A check in the amount of \$1,345.00 is enclosed.
3.        An amendment under 37 CFR 312.
4.   24   Sheets of formal drawing(s). Please substitute these formal drawing(s) for the informal drawing(s) originally filed.
5.   X   A request to forward executed 1449 forms and Interview Summary, a courtesy copy (form 1449) filed on February 14, 2003, and copies of JP11-362,592 and JP 7-142,331 (and translation).
6.   X   A return receipt postcard.

December 9, 2003  
Date

S / h  
Steven G. Roeder  
Attorney for Applicant(s)  
Reg. No. 37,227

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR §1.8

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Issue Fee, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2003.

S / h STEVEN G. ROEDER, Attorney for Applicant--Registration No. 37,227